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FM AMEMBASSY SUVA

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SUBU: EMBASSY IN FIJI MOURNS MAO TSE-TUNG

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1. PRC EMBASSY IN SUVA CIRCULATED DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO ALL MISSIONS EXCEPT AMEMBASSY ON SEPT 10. NOTE ADVISED THAT QTE MEMORIAL HALL UNQTE HAD BEEN SET UP AND THAT BOOK AVAILABLE FOR SIGNATURE. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, IN VIEW GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTTEL, CHARGE HAS NOT RPT NOT SIGNED BOOK.

2. ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIS WHO HAVE GONE PERSONS ARRIVING AT EMBASSY (IN LOCAL HOTEL, TROPIC TOWER) ARE MET BY EMBASSY STAFF, ESCORTED FIRST TO BOOK AND THEM IN TO MEMORIAL HALL WHERE LARGE PORTRAIT OF MAO STANDS BEFORE BLACK-DRAPED WALL. GUESTS ARE REPORTEDLY EXPECTED TO BOW BEFORE PORTRAIT.

3. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY UNUSUAL ASPECTS OF HANDLING OF FUNERAL OBSERVANCES. IT APPEARS EMBASSY WAS PREPARED IN ADVANCE SINCE DECORATION OF MEMORIAL HALL DOES NOT RPT NOT FROM PHOTOS IN PRESS LOOK HURRIEDLY OR HOMEMADE, AND WAS UP WITHIN FEW HOURS

OF ARRIVAL IN FIJI OF NEWS OF DEATH.
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